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I oppose the currently proposed Microsoft settlement as being one that does not further the ordinary citizen's future interest in having the best computer software available at the best price. If the Microsoft settlement allows the installation of used and refurbished computers with Microsoft operating systems into schools it will provide Microsoft with an otherwise unavailable market destination for disposing of old PC equipment and a monopoly for Microsoft to provide technical support and operating system software.

Further it will enhance Microsoft's ability to require the use of computers using the Microsoft operating system by children at an early age based on a forced environment rather than based on a selection of systems having the best overall value.

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